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SUMMARY:

Self employed as a Legal and Public Policy Consultant providing Technical Firearms and Forensic Consulting, Testing and Policy Research / Training Services to Corporations, Legal Counsel and the Public Sector

EDUCATION:

B.A., Political Science and Psychology, St. John Fisher University, Rochester, New York – May 1985

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

December 2012 to Present: Independent Legal and Policy Consultant / Subject Matter Expert

Currently provide independent consulting services to Corporations, Legal Counsel and Governmental entities in regard to Public Policy and Technical matters relating to Firearms, Firearms Policy, Forensics and Law Enforcement. Current and former clients include the Office of the District Attorney for Cook County Illinois, The City of Sunnyvale, California, The City of Highland Park, Illinois, The Office of the Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Center for American Progress, Washington D.C. I have provided sound policy and technical assistance for my clients to include expert testimony which successfully endured the opposition's legal appeals to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court.

December 2003 to December 2012: Senior Special Agent / Program Manager for Forensic Services ATF National Laboratory Center (NLC), Beltsville, Maryland. U. S Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)

Directed the administration and management of ATF's Forensic Training Programs to include the National Firearms Examiner Academy (NFEA) a 12-month training program for State and Local Forensic Firearm Examiner Trainees. Also managed two additional forensic training programs. Administered a \$1M + budget in accordance with strict ATF and National Institute of Justice (NIJ) guidelines and reporting requirements. Responsible for oversight of all Forensic Firearms related research at the NLC. Supervised a full and part time cadre of fifty-two (52) instructors and administrative personnel. Maintained liaison with commercial firearms and ammunition manufacturers and subject matter experts and ensure that lesson plans and curriculum reflected the latest technical developments in firearms manufacture, forensics and their application to federal and state law. Applied for, received and managed in excess of \$2M in external grants to facilitate uninterrupted delivery of training during internal budget shortfalls. Detailed to the Department of Homeland Security Command Center in 2005 with overall responsibility to coordinate and direct Federal, State and Local Law Enforcement assets during and following Hurricanes "Irene" and "Katrina" and again in 2010 for "Andrew" and "Danielle".

June 1997 - December 2003: Special Agent / Violent Crime Coordinator, ATF Baltimore Field Division, Baltimore, Maryland

Responsible for management of ATF's "Project Disarm", a joint law enforcement initiative between ATF, The United States Attorney's office for the District of Maryland (USAO), the Baltimore City Police Department, the Baltimore City States Attorney's Office and the Maryland State Police. Duties included reviewing over 400 state and local firearms related arrests annually for subsequent referral to the USAO and Federal Prosecution. Managed a caseload of 75 – 100 criminal cases annually. Responsible for selection, referral, follow - up investigation and subsequent indictment and prosecution of armed career criminals. Testified in front of Federal Grand Juries in excess of 75 times annually. Was recognized, and testified, as an expert witness in the Identification, Operability and origin of Firearms and Ammunition in three Federal Judicial Districts. Toured over 25 firearms and ammunition manufacturing facilities in Europe and the United States. Temporarily assigned in 2001 for three months to the 9-11 Task Force investigation in conjunction with FBI Assets. Temporarily assigned to the D.C. Sniper Task Force Intelligence Group in 2002 for two months.

June 1990 – June 1997:

Special Agent, ATF Baltimore Field Division, Baltimore, Maryland

Served in various capacities as a street-level Special Agent. Acted as Group Supervisor and Assistant Special Agent in Charge on numerous occasions. Served on the Washington – Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) task force from 1995 – 1999. Investigated armed narcotics trafficking organizations, seized assets, authored and executed Federal and state search and arrest warrants, conducted surveillance, interviews / interrogations, testified in Federal and state courts as a fact witness, purchased firearms, explosives and narcotics while in an undercover capacity, investigated fatal bombings and arsons, firearms trafficking, alcohol and tobacco trafficking, homicide, fraud and gun store burglaries. Also while detailed for 8 months as the Public Information Officer authored press releases, provided interviews to local and national print and television media outlets and made presentations to local and national public and special interest groups and associations.

April 1989 – June 1990 and July 1986 – March 1987: Special Agent, United States Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service (DSS), Washington Field Office, Rosslyn, VA

Conducted investigations of violations of Federal Law under the department's purview to include Passport and Visa Fraud, Illegal trafficking of restricted firearms and war materials to prohibited countries, human trafficking, seized assets, authored and executed State, local and Federal Arrest and Search Warrants, testified in Federal Court as a fact witness, detailed on an as needed basis to the Dignitary Protection Division as Agent in Charge of multiple protective details for visiting and resident foreign dignitaries, temporarily assigned to support Physical and Personal Protective Security in various U.S. Embassies overseas on an as needed basis, detailed to the Secretary of State Protective Division on an as needed basis to supervise agents assigned to augment the permanent protective detail.

March 1987-February 1989: Special Agent, DSS, Secretary of State Protective Division, Washington, DC

Served in various capacities as Acting Agent in Charge, Acting Shift Leader, Lead Advance Agent and Shift Agent. Responsibilities included close personal protection of the Secretary of State both domestically and overseas, extensive foreign travel to facilitate and prepare security arrangements for overseas visits to include Presidential Summit meetings, liaison with foreign host government officials to plan and solicit assistance with security arrangements, supervision of agents temporarily assigned to augment the detail, liaison with U.S Government Intelligence Agencies and other Federal, State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies to identify and protect against potential threats to the Secretary of State.

CLEARANCES: Top Secret March 1986 valid through February 2015. Numerous prior SCI Clearances.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- Instructed at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), for ATF and other Federal Law Enforcement Agencies
- Instructed at the International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) in Budapest, Hungary
- Instructed for numerous State, local and / or regional law enforcement agencies both in the United States, Canada and Central America

LINKEDIN PROFILE AND ENDORSEMENTS:

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REFERENCES:

Available upon request